

UEC STATUS REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Present UEC Membership

Chair-Elect (3-year term):

Rene Bellwied, Wayne State

UEC Member (3-year term):

Helen Caines, Yale

Jim Sowinski, Indiana

Chuck Whitten, UCLA

Student/Post-doc Reps. (1-year term):

Sarah Campbell, SUNYSB

Christine Nattrass, Yale

Appointed Member (2-year term):

Michael Murray, Kansas

Gerco Onderwater, Groningen

Continuing Members:

John Hill, Iowa State, Chair

Brant Johnson, BNL, Past Chair

Abhay Deshpande, SUNYSB

Barbara Erasmus, Subatech

Matthias Grosse-Perdekamp, UIUC

John Lajoie, Iowa State

Bill Morse, BNL

Greg Nelson, Loma Linda

George Stephans, MIT

Julia Velkovska, Vanderbilt

User's Group Ex-Officio Members

BNL employees holding the following positions are registered as Ex-Officio members of the group: the BNL Director, the BNL Deputy Director for Science and Technology, the responsible BNL Associate Directors, the Chairs of the Collider-Accelerator and Physics Departments, the Division Heads of the Accelerator and Experimental Support Facilities of the Collider-Accelerator Department, and the Director of the Users' Center.

BNL Acting Director:

Sam Aronson

BNL Deputy Dir. For Sci. & Tech.

Peter Bond

Assoc. Lab. Dir. for HEP and NP:

Peter Bond

Chair of Collider-Accelerator Dept.:

Derek Lowenstein

Chair of Physics Department:

Sally Dawson

Accelerator Division Head:

Thomas Roser

Exp. Support Facilities Head:

Phil Pile

Director of Users' Center:

Susan White-DePace

User's Center Staff

- **Angela Melocoton**
- **Kelly Guiffreda**
- **Regina Robinson**
- **and ... Susan White-DePace**

The Four UEC Working Groups

Site Access and Science

- **Physical Access (Visa, Guest Appointment, Gate Access)**
- **Computer Access (Cyber security, Scientific Computing)**
- **Safety, Training, Scientific Computing and data transfer issues**

Funding, Politics, and Programmatics

- **Funding: Facility Operations, Research, and User Support.**
- **Political Action: Interactions with DOE, OSTP, OMB, Congress**
- **Programmatic Issues of broad user interest (e.g., test beams)**

Meetings, Communication, and Outreach

- **Annual Users' Meeting and semi-annual Users' Group Meetings**
- **Quarterly Open Forums, Monthly UEC Meetings, and Web Pages.**
- **User communication, including outreach to the wider community.**

Quality of Life

- **Housing, Transportation, & Food; Recreation and Socialization**
- **Liaisons to Association for Students And Postdocs (ASAP)**
- **Site Enhancements (better lighting, foot paths, maintenance)**
- **Agenda input for Open Forums at BNL and User Group Meetings**

UEC Meetings

Meetings are first Friday after the second Thursday of the month.

Exceptions are:

- No August meeting

- November meeting is dinner in Shanghai at QM2006

- Meeting April 6 due to APS Jacksonville meeting

- June User's Meeting

Schedule is 10:30 to 12:00 for working session, 12:00 to 12:30 for lunch and 12:30 to 2:00 for open session with BNL management. I think need more than 1 hour for working session. (Today's open session starts 12:15 and Sam Aronson will talk to us and answer questions.)

Working Groups

SAS: Site Access & Science: Susan Chair

FPP: Funding, Politics and Programmatic: John Chair

(3-chair's meetings, CVD, letters to D.C.)

MCO: Meetings, Communications and Outreach: Rene Chair

(organize June User's Meeting, run Open Forum)

QOL: Quality of Life: Brant Chair

(organize thesis competition for June User's Meeting)

Susan and I are members of all four working groups.

Please let me know by August 18 which groups you will join!

Fall 2006 3-Chairs Meeting

- A. Best time for meeting.
- B. Must prepare one page document explaining why RHIC-II and e-RHIC are competitive with LHC and merit funding. (for officials OMB and OSTP)
- C. Need B. for Fall 3-Chairs Meeting.
- D. We need suggestions from UEC and others on this document.
- E. Will finalize D. at September UEC meeting.

RHIC-AGS User's Meeting Nashville

- A. Rene will run Open Forum.
- B. Need speaker for meeting (choose UEC September meeting)
- C. I have made initial contact with V. Greene.
- D. Will follow that up next week.
- E. Details need to be finalized. (Susan and Rene)

Report from Peter/Susan on Possible Coffee Shop in New Building

Discussion on ASAP loss of meeting room
at HFBR and action we can take.

Letters to Congress

- A. Reprints of Scientific American RHIC article are at BNL.
- B. I will prepare sample letter for our participants at CVD to send to people we visited with reprints included.
- C. I will prepare sample letter that others can use to send thank you also with reprint.
- D. RHIC-AGS users responded very well to request for thank you letters to House members for good appropriation. We sent about 50 of a total of 85 letters!!
- E. We will have a separate thank you effort to the Senate when APS Public Affairs gets it set up.

National User Facility Organization (NUFO)

- A. Brant and Susan went to first NUFO meeting in April.
- B. NUFO trying to establish visits to local congressional offices in Fall 2006 and I will help with that.
- C. NUFO trying to organize a visit to Washington of a group of UEC chairs to discuss funding with Congress and the Administration. I will report in September on new developments.

Other Stuff

- A. Status of Senate “High Density Initiative”?
- B. Speakers at UEC September meeting?

Cyber Security: Tom Schlager and Keith Lally

- C. Brant should comment to us on the status of the search for new BNL Director.
- D. Complaint concerning service at BNL Center.